

## TO STAY IN FRENCH BAY

Reported Decision of Admiral  
of the Russian Fleet.

## NEWS COMES VIA TOKYO

### ROJESTVENSKY'S PLANS FOR OVERHAULING MERCHANTMEN.

Transports With Squadron Fly the  
Czar's Colors — Amoy Officials  
Looking Into Neutrality Law.

LONDON, April 19.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokyo says:  
"Information received here is taken to indicate that the Russian squadron proposed staying at Kamranh bay until May 7. Admiral Rojestvensky meanwhile sending out cruisers to overhaul merchantmen proceeding along the trade route to the straits of Formosa.

"The transports accompanying the Russian squadron are reported to be plying between Kamranh bay and Saigon under the merchant flag of Russia."

### Conference at Amoy.

AMOI, Straits of Formosa, April 19.—The provincial officials held a conference today with the object of determining on the course to be adopted in case of the Russian squadron appearing here. The officials are prepared to insist on the neutrality of this port being respected. It was suggested that the Russian land and Chinese soldiers be permitted to land at the island of Kutang, the foreign station of Amoy, to preserve order if the Russian squadron were to appear. The Japanese ships which have been plying between Amoy and the island of Formosa are not making their usual trips. The Japanese have a building here filled with stores, supposed to be medical supplies.

The British steamer *Heathbank*, which has been at this port since February 11, is said to have ammunition and light artillery under her supposed cargo of coal, intended for the Russian squadron.

### Coaling of German Steamer Stopped.

PORT LOUIS, Island of Martinique, April 19.—The German steamer *Juliette*, late the British steamer *Dunlop Castle*, which cleared from Diego Suarez, Madagascar, April 14 for Batavia, Java, put in here today and asked for 500 tons of coal. She was informed that she would be allowed to take 600 tons, but when 100 tons had been taken on board the colonial officials stopped her from taking any more, pending instructions from the governor. The action of the local officials was due to statements made by members of the crew to the effect that the *Juliette* is carrying stores to the Russian squadron in the China sea.

### Torpedo Boat Launched.

TOKYO, April 19.—The torpedo boat destroyer *Kijimi* was launched at Kure today. Her displacement exceeds 200 tons.

## THE RETREAT FROM MUKDEN.

Russians Described as Objects of Pity—  
Left to Die.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 19.—According to advices received by the steamer *Empress of China*, returned Japanese officers describe the Russians as objects of pity in the retreat from Mukden. They had discarded their arms and everything likely to impede them, and for miles the roads were scattered with broken uniforms and equipment. Numbers of sick and wounded were left to die by the roadside.

Marshal Oyama's entry into Mukden was an affair of splendor, arranged to impress the Chinese. Gov. Feng came out with his retinue to meet the Japanese. The procession of Marshal Oyama was similar to that arranged by the Japanese for the entry into Taihoku, Formosa. Cavalry led then bands of music, guards of honor, then Marshal Oyama and staff, followed by the different armies and their staffs, foreign military attaches, Chinese attaches and a large force of infantry were in line. Fifty thousand men followed.

Details are given by the Japanese of the bravery of Col. Murakami's regiment, which was besieged for several days at the Chinese imperial tomb north of Mukden, by tremendously superior Russian forces. For three days the Japanese fought on a scanty ration of biscuits and government canned food. The colonel was killed and all of his men save two were killed or wounded.

## ACTOR JEFFERSON'S CONDITION.

Reported to Be Somewhat Better, Retaining Nourishment.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., April 19.—The condition of Joseph Jefferson, the actor, was reported today as better than yesterday. The distinguished patient rested comfortably during the night. The doctor is slightly encouraged.

Charles B. Jefferson, son of Joseph Jefferson, is authorized for the statement that his father apparently is much better today. The aged patient so expresses himself and is taking and retaining nourishment. Hopes of his recovery are renewed.

Mrs. R. W. Scott of this city, the granddaughter of Joseph Jefferson, today received a telegram from West Palm Beach saying that her grandfather is very much better.

## COL. EMMONS DEAD.

Founder of Huntington, W. Va.,  
Stricken by Apoplexy.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 19.—Col. D. W. Emmons, founder of Huntington and one of the most prominent citizens of West Virginia, was stricken with apoplexy while seated at the breakfast table today and died within a few minutes. He was seventy-eight years old.

Mr. Emmons laid out the town of Huntington after making the deal by which he and C. P. Huntington obtained the land upon which it is located. He was a prominent Mason and had been grand treasurer of that order for West Virginia twenty-five years.

## KILLED FOR A BURGLAR.

Unfortunate Shooting at Covington,  
Va., Early Today.

RICHMOND, Va., April 19.—Thinking an attempt to rob the bank was being made, Dr. Lawrence Anderson Bragg, a dentist, who has rooms in the Citizens' National Bank building at Covington, Va., early this morning shot in the direction of the noise. Killing Dr. Alexander Nelson of the staff of the Western State Hospital, who had arrived on a late train to visit his brother, Attorney George E. Nelson.

In endeavoring to reach his brother's room near the bank, Dr. Nelson lost his way, and was at the entrance of the bank building when killed.

## WILL MODIFY THE RULE.

Objection to Requiring Fire Drill on  
Freight Boats.

William Livingstone of Detroit, Mich., president of the Lake Carriers' Association, today called upon Secretary Metcalf of the Department of Commerce and Labor relative to the recently corrected rule of the steamboat inspection service requiring steamboat lines to observe certain requirements of the service.

The particular point was a regulation enforcing fire drills and other features upon freight vessels, when, it is claimed by Mr. Livingstone, the regulation was especially meant to be applied to passenger vessels and not to freighters. It is the wish of the Lake Carriers' Association that the rule be modified by the department so as to relieve the freighters of the inconvenience caused by the application of the rule to that character of vessel as well as to those carrying passengers.

## TOOK OATH OF OFFICE.

Elliott Northcott Sworn In as District  
Attorney.

Elliott Northcott, who was yesterday named as United States attorney of the southern district of West Virginia, took the oath of office today at the Department of Justice. At his request the Department of Justice has appointed the following as assistant United States attorneys of the southern district: I. C. Herndon of Welch, W. Va.; H. Deber of Rummed of Charleston, at Charleston. Each of the assistants will receive \$1,200 per year. When Mr. Elliott was assistant attorney to ex-Governor Atkinson, who has been named as judge of the Court of Claims there was only one other assistant, and he was paid \$1,000 per year. Mr. Elliott has been divided the salary between them. The West Virginia senators and representatives will endeavor to have the government pay two assistants by law, and pay them larger salaries than now.

When President Roosevelt went away from Washington he took with him United States attorney appointments already signed by him, and that enabled Mr. Northcott to take the oath of office and begin his duties at once without having to wait for a commission from the President. In the case of Mr. Atkinson his commission as judge of the Court of Claims must go to the President for signature before he can qualify.

## REPORT BEING INVESTIGATED.

Kennedy Dowie, a Missionary, Said to  
Have Been Attacked by Chinese.

The following cablegram was received to-day from the Department of State from Vice Consul General James W. Davidson, at Shanghai, dated today:  
"Kennedy Dowie, a missionary, was attacked by Chinese at Tsangli village, in Hangchow district. Cloud investigating."  
Mr. Cloud is a clerk at the Shanghai consular general. There have been vague rumors of disturbance and growth of anti-foreign feeling similar to that which led to the Boxer uprising of 1900, but no official advices have come to the State Department to verify these. If Mr. Cloud finds that there is danger of a general uprising in that region the Chinese government will be immediately called upon to take steps to protect the missionaries.

## PANAMA WAS AROUSED.

Objected to Opening of Ports in the  
Canal Zone.

How acutely the Panamanian government had been aroused last summer prior to the visit of Secretary Taft over the opening of ports in the Panama canal zone is apparent from correspondence made public at the State Department today. Included in the correspondence is a note of protest from the Panamanian minister for foreign affairs to Minister Barrett, in which he says:

"The republic of Panama has not only the right to expect of the United States more especial and deferential treatment than that which she has received. The treaty of November 18, 1903, cannot and should not be interpreted as a unilateral tendency; it is really a bond of perpetual union between the two nations, upon which the eyes of the universe are fast. It is the duty of the United States to protect the interests of the republic of Panama, which the world has every right to look forward to. Starting, then, with this feeling of respect for the government, I accept the idea that the opening of the said ports was in obedience to the orders of your excellency's government, but to the enormous interest of the respective treaty on the part of the authorities of the canal zone."

By order of the Secretary of the protest at the State Department Mr. Loomis, the acting Secretary of State, called Mr. Barrett reminding him to assure the Panamanian government that the United States government "will do nothing inconsistent with the honor and true interest of both republics; that it will assist and protect the interests of every proper way and that it will not adopt at this time any permanent policy without fully consulting Panama."

## OHIO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Senator Dick Says Gov. Herrick Will  
Be Renominated.

Senator Dick of Ohio is in town today. He said the Ohio republican state convention will be held at Columbus, May 23, and that Gov. Herrick will be renominated. No selection of lieutenant governor has yet been made, and for political and other reasons there is some difficulty in reaching a choice.

Politics generally are quiet in Ohio, the Senator said. The politicians are glad that Secretary Taft is to be with them as chairman of the state convention and he will be given an ovation.

## OPEN TO ALL APPLICANTS.

Twenty-Nine Vacancies in the Navy  
Pay Corps.

Announcement was made at the Navy Department today that there existed twenty-nine vacancies in the grade of assistant paymaster in the navy, the only grade of the pay corps to which appointments are made from civil life. The examination for candidates for this grade has been set for June 12, and for the first time no political influence is necessary to obtain designations for this examination.

By order of the Secretary the examination has been thrown open to all applicants who are able to present satisfactory letters from reputable business concerns, and also letters showing that the applicants are fit men to become officers in the pay corps. Further information can be obtained by addressing the paymaster general of the navy. The examination will be competitive, and the twenty-nine best men, provided that number make the required percentage on the examination will be appointed.

The examinations will be held at the navy yard, this city, and at the navy yard, Mare Island, Cal., that the applicants from the Pacific coast may also have an opportunity to take it.

## WILL MOVE THE CAMP

President and Party to Pull  
Stakes Last of Week.

## TO VISIT WEST DIVIDE

WHERE IT IS REPORTED GAME IS  
MORE PLENTIFUL.

Loeb Off for Rendezvous to Get Execu-  
tive's Signature to Documents  
—Patrol Established.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., April 19.—Secretary Loeb left here today for New Castle, whence he will ride to the President's camp. Elmer Chapman, the courier who yesterday brought news of the success of the hunt, accompanied Mr. Loeb as guide. Mr. Loeb will return here tomorrow. He has taken with him a number of documents that require the signature of the President.

The Charlie Penny ranch, where the hunting party is now encamped, is in the east divide. The party will move to the west divide on Saturday or Monday, as it is reported game is more plentiful there.

## The Ranch School.

Before the President moves away too far it is the desire of the ranchmen and mountaineers that the visit to Liberty School, where their children are educated. This school is near the President's camp and the children of the ranchers ride for miles around to attend.

The mission of Joe Austin, who came to the springs last night with Courier Chapman, was to get Mr. Loeb to use his good offices in arranging the visit.

P. B. Stewart of Colorado Springs will leave the party at the end of this week. Mr. Loeb then expects to go to the camp and spend two days with the President. Capt. Austin told Secretary Loeb that a patrol has been organized and it is now impossible for outsiders to reach the area over which the President's party is hunting.

## PATRIOTS' DAY IN BAY STATE.

Athletic Events Marked Observance—  
Many Meetings Held.

BOSTON, Mass., April 19.—The anniversary of the battle of Lexington, which is annually observed as a holiday in Massachusetts as Patriots' day, was marked today by many observances throughout the commonwealth, particularly in Boston and its vicinity. Many patriotic and social organizations held meetings in this city. The day also marked the formal opening of outdoor life and sports of many kinds were inaugurated.

Chief among the athletic events was the Marathon road race, which, as usual, was held over the 25-mile highway course beginning at Ashland and ending in the Back bay section of this city. Eighty-four runners were entered for the event, a number larger than usual. Among the contestants were John J. Caffrey of Hamilton, Ont., the 1901 winner, who holds the course record of 2 hours 20 minutes and 23.5 seconds; John J. Jordan, Cambridgeport, Mass.; Michael Spring, Pastime Athletic Club of New York; Samuel Mellors, Mohawk Athletic Club of New York, winner of the April 19th event in recent years, and T. J. Hicks, Cambridge, Mass., Y. M. C. A., winner of the Olympic Marathon at the St. Louis fair in 1904.

## EMMANUEL RECEIVED MORGAN.

Latter Thanked Italian King for  
Knightly Honors.

ROME, April 19.—King Victor Emmanuel today received in private audience J. Pierpont Morgan, who thanked the king warmly for the grand cordon of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, which he wore. The king was most cordial in his manner toward Mr. Morgan and made the American financier sit next to him.

He expressed his personal gratification at the generous act of Mr. Morgan in returning to Assolvi the cope stolen from the cathedral there and sold to him by an unknown person. The conversation, which was carried on in English, lasted half an hour.

Later the king received Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island.

## MORE FROST, BUT LESS DAMAGE.

Effects of Cold Snap in Virginia and  
North Carolina.

NORFOLK, Va., April 19.—The weather bureau today reported a greater deposit of frost last night than the night before, but a deposit calculated on account of a higher temperature to have done less damage in this vicinity than on Monday night, when the thermometer went to 35 degrees. The temperature last night fell to only 40 degrees. The truckers suffered to some extent, but no special reports of losses were received at the weather bureau during the morning.

Killing frost last night was reported at Richmond, Va., and Weldon, N. C., with light frost at Raleigh, Goldsboro and Newbern, N. C.

It is estimated that the cold weather in killing off crops has caused a loss of over \$100,000 in Norfolk county alone.

## BOXING BILL PASSED.

New York Will Permit Fifteen-Minute  
Bouts by Amateurs.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 19.—The assembly today passed the Frawley boxing bill, permitting fifteen-minute bouts of boxing by amateurs with eight-ounce gloves under the rules and auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, or any domestic amateur athletic association, now incorporated and under the sanction of the union.

The bill prescribes that such bouts must be between registered amateurs, must not exceed fifteen minutes in length, nor be fought more than once in any twenty-four hours, and that the two participants must be paid no more than \$25 each, and must be for medical or prizes other than money. The bill has passed the senate and now goes to the governor.

## Personal Mention.

Mr. Abram F. Springsteen of the medical division, pension office, has been notified of the death of his brother, Jefferson Springsteen, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. J. J. Georges has returned to the city from a stay of two weeks at Atlantic City.

Rev. W. I. Campbell, who has been ill of rheumatic fever at the residence of his father, Mr. J. L. Campbell, 1818 18th street, is reported to be slowly recovering.

## SENT TO SECRETARY

RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS OF  
BOARD OF REVIEW.

Commissioner Warner Says No Other  
Officials Are Implicated — Va-  
cancies Not to Be Filled.

The resignation of the members of the board of review of the pension bureau who were under charges of misconduct were forwarded to Secretary Hitchcock this afternoon for his approval. Commissioner Warner forwarded with the resignations a statement of the causes which led thereto, and also the replies of the members concerned to the charges preferred against them. It is understood that but nine of the ten resignations went to the Interior Department, the commissioner holding up one for further investigation. Some facts came to his notice last night in connection with this one man which gives him a chance to make a better explanation, and the commissioner desires to give him all the chance there is.

## No Others Implicated.

In connection with these cases Commissioner Warner made a statement to a reporter for the Star this morning to the effect that there is absolutely no investigation of any matter in progress at the pension bureau except that connected with the charges against the board of review; that this investigation has been concluded; that there is absolutely no person except the ten members of the board of review who have resigned that are concerned in any wrongdoing, and that any statements to the contrary are without foundation of fact of any kind.

Publicity has been given several statements that implicate the chief of the board of review, the chief clerk and the first deputy commissioner of pensions. Commissioner Warner states that neither of these officials are being investigated or are under suspicion. The chief clerk is not connected with their services, and, further, that their departure from the service for any cause would be a loss that could not easily be made good.

Just what action Secretary Hitchcock will take in the matter of the resignations of the ten members of the board of review cannot be predicted. The Secretary has had an unfortunate experience in the matter of resignations and dismissals in the pension bureau during the past two years and he intends to go slow in making any decision. The Secretary does not doubt the efforts of Commissioner Warner to be just and fair in his dealings with the members of the force, but he has learned wisdom from past experience in dealing with pension office resignations, and that made it a practice to give all matters relating to resignations his most careful attention. It may be several days before the Secretary makes his final decision.

## Vacancies Not to Be Filled at Present.

It is unofficially announced that Commissioner Warner will not fill the vacancies created by the resignations of the members of the board of review until the beginning of the fiscal year. The positions may be filled temporarily by detail of clerks from other work, but the permanent promotions will not be made until the new appropriation bill for the support of the pension bureau the force of special examiners is cut down by twenty-five and a consequent number of reductions and dismissals will be made at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The special examiners are now on the list of the pension bureau, and the law none of these special examiners is given any appointment for more than a year and it is necessary to reappoint them each year. The reduction in the force of the pension bureau will be made at the beginning of the fiscal year. The number of pensioners and the consequent reduction of the business of the bureau.

## TARDY JUSTICE GIVEN.

Reinstatement of a Post Office Clerk  
Dismissed on Suspicion.

Justice, although rather tardy, has been done by the President in the case of S. F. Scott, Jr., a clerk in the registry division of the Kansas City post office.

A letter went today to the postmaster at Kansas City, Mo., from the office of the first assistant postmaster general, ordering the reinstatement of Scott in his old position. He had been dismissed from the post office for a year and a half for doing what it could to repair the wrong done the man several years ago. The rules of the civil service were suspended by direct order of the president in the case of Scott, and his removal seemed justified. The department, after four years, is now in receipt of a report from a post office inspector in which it is shown that one John A. Fagg, a clerk in the Kansas City City office at the time of the downfall of Scott, embezzled this package of \$8,000, and the department was misled by the report of his fellow clerk, Scott. Fagg has been arrested, tried and convicted of the embezzlement.

Mr. Scott, whose father died after the son's dismissal, has never asked for reinstatement, but the department desires to do what it can by way of reparation, and therefore asked the civil service commission to take the case to the President so that a special rule might be made to promote the reinstatement of Scott. The matter was referred to the President and the executive order followed.

## FIRST TO FILL THE OFFICE.

W. H. Haycock to Be Assistant Super-  
intendent of City Delivery.

The Postmaster General has appointed William H. Haycock, a clerk in the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general, to be assistant superintendent of city delivery at a salary of \$2,000 a year.

Mr. Haycock, who is the first one to assume this new office, which was created by an act of the recent Congress, is a resident of the District of Columbia, and for sixteen years was a letter-carrier, serving in that capacity from 1887 to 1903.

He was promoted to his present position as agent and attached to the office of the superintendent of that division, where he served until his elevation today.

## Naval Movements.

The gunboat *Helena* has been placed out of commission at the naval station, Cavite, P. I.

The armored cruiser *Maryland* and the transport *Lawton* were placed in commission yesterday, the former at Newport News and the latter at Mare Island navy yard.

The *Nanshan* has arrived at Cavite and the *Detroit* at St. Thomas.

The *Castine* left Sanchez yesterday for San Juan and the *Culgoa* sailed from Santo Domingo city for Samarra.

The battleship *Texas* and the monitors *Nevada*, *Arkansas* and *Florida* arrived at Norfolk yesterday from a cruise in the West Indies.

## THE EQUITABLE FUSS

General Agents Continue to  
Discuss Society's Affairs.

## CLAIMED SNAP MEETING

PRINCIPALS SUBJECT TO  
SHARP CRITICISM.

Claimed That the Whole Trouble is  
Instigated by Effort to  
Supplant Officials.

NEW YORK, April 19.—General agents of the Equitable Life Assurance Society met again today to discuss the society's affairs and the advisability of forming a permanent organization of the general agents for mutual support and protection. Before the meeting began the corridors of the Hotel Savoy were crowded with groups of agents discussing the overnight developments in the controversy, including the letter from James H. Hyde to James W. Alexander, concerning checks for underwriting profits sent by Mr. Hyde to Mr. Alexander, the letter from Mr. Alexander to Chairman Frick of the investigating committee, and Mr. Alexander's reply to Mr. Hyde.

The agents also talked over with considerable excitement a statement made by Henry H. Knowles, chief of the Equitable, to the effect that the society's troubles had been caused by Mr. Alexander and Vice President Gage E. Tarbell, in an effort to oust Mr. Hyde from the first vice presidency and to have Mr. Tarbell succeed Mr. Alexander when the latter should retire from the presidency.

## Was Ousted From Office.

Mr. Knowles, who was suspended from his position on Monday last, on the charges of embezzlement after forty years' employment with the society, also declared that the present meeting of general agents was a snap affair arranged in the interest of Messrs. Alexander and Tarbell. Many of the agents today denied emphatically that the meeting had been arranged in anybody's favor and said the gathering was a representative one with no object except the welfare of the society and the removal of existing conditions, which, they said, had made the work of the society agents exceedingly difficult.

Mr. Tarbell made a statement today in which he said that President Alexander had never thought of resigning. This idea, he said, was "ridiculously preposterous, because he is the one man in the country eminently fitted for that position and that he would have and he will hold it until the day he dies."

Mr. Tarbell also praised President Alexander's integrity and said he had made the society's interest his life work.

The statement of Mr. Tarbell were cheered by a crowd of general agents who were present.

After the speeches by the officers of the company the meeting adjourned. After the recess they adopted a report submitted by a committee on resolutions endorsing President Alexander and favoring the mutualization of the society.

## Another Charge by Knowles.

Mr. Knowles, the former superintendent of general agents, made a statement today, in which he charged that Second Vice President Tarbell had shifted men about, discharged some and appointed others, so that he could control the agents and managers for the Alexander interests. When this statement was shown to Mr. Tarbell he denied it. "It is absolutely false in toto," said he.

It was expected that Mr. Tarbell would be asked to attend the meeting today and deny what he knows of the Knowles statements.

## Reply to Knowles.

A friend of President Alexander of the Equitable Life Assurance Society made a statement today in reply to the charges of H. H. Knowles, one of the Equitable's supervisors of agencies.

"So far as Mr. Knowles' statement is concerned, it calls for no reply from Mr. Alexander, whose position in the matter is very simple. Mr. Knowles, who is one of the society's many supervisors, disobeyed orders of his president, and was discharged because he went out and took charge of an agency made vacant by death. Mr. Knowles was suspended pending an investigation of his action. It was not Mr. Knowles to raise any question as to whether or not he should go; it was simply his duty to obey orders."

As for James H. Hyde and associates, it will be seen from Mr. Alexander's latest letter to Mr. Hyde that he (Mr. A.) knows very little of the syndicate and its members, while Mr. Hyde knows all about it and has the data relating thereto in his possession."

The intimation that Third Vice President Wilson was kept away from yesterday's meeting of the agents, President Alexander's friend pointed out that Mr. Wilson, outed with the Vice President, was the society and had no business at any meeting of the domestic agents.

## MARRIED OR UNMARRIED?

Woman Shot Yesterday in Philadelphia  
May Recover.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 19.—A telephone message was received today by the officials of the Pennsylvania Hospital from a man in New York who says he is the husband of Bessie Davis, the chorus girl who was shot yesterday by Edward Smedes. The man said he would come to this city today. He declined to make known his name.

It was first reported that Smedes and the woman were man and wife, this being inferred from the fact that they had registered at the hotel as such. The police say they are unmarried and assert they know nothing of the woman's husband in New York.

Miss Davis' condition is said by the hospital physicians to be critical, but that she has a slight chance for recovery.

EBERON, Neb., April 19.—Miss Bessie Helen Davis, the chorus girl who was shot yesterday in Philadelphia, by Edward Smedes, is well known in this place, having resided here with her mother for a number of years. Miss Davis was married here to Benjamin Rogers some years ago, but they soon separated, she shortly afterward going on the stage. Miss Davis is about twenty-five years of age.

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 19.—Edward Smedes, who shot Miss Bessie Davis, a member of a theatrical company in Philadelphia, formerly lived in this city. Years ago he enlisted in the United States navy. He is related to a well-known Vicksburg family, but they have not heard of his whereabouts for some time.

Sir Charles Hardinge on Leave.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—The British ambassador, Sir Charles Hardinge, started today for England, on a month's holiday.

## MATRIMONIAL MIX-UP.

Peculiar Circumstances Connected With  
Divorce Proceedings.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 19.—Under peculiar circumstances Mrs. Kittle C. McClain today brought suit to annul a divorce from Robert L. McClain, now in the penitentiary.

Six months ago McClain deserted his wife and the same day married Mrs. Elizabeth Metz. He was arrested and prosecuted for bigamy. He pleaded with his first wife to have their marriage annulled, promising he would marry her when he was released. The consented and secured a divorce. Now the second wife, it is alleged, is attempting to have McClain released from the penitentiary so she can marry him. It is for this reason that Mrs. McClain No. 1 has started suit to annul her divorce from the convicted bigamist.

## TRIBUTE TO HOAR'S MEMORY.

Notable Gathering at Worcester Today  
—Address by Senator Daniel.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 19.—The home city of United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar paid a tribute to his memory at a great meeting in Mechanics' Hall today. The large building was filled by representatives of the nation and state and of many of the municipalities of Massachusetts, who joined in the memorial exercises with Worcester citizens.

The principal address was delivered by United States Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia, for many years a close friend of Senator Hoar.

## SET FIRE TO PARISH JAIL.

Desperate Attempt of Prisoners to Es-  
cape—Two Cremated.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 19.—In an attempt to escape from jail three prisoners today set fire to the parish jail at Pontchartrout, La. Two of the men were cremated and a third fatally burned.

The dead: Henry Taylor, Vine Mount, Ala.; James Kelley, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fatally burned: Lucien George de Las, Lafayette, La.

The men were arrested last night for disorderly conduct.